

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERIES

May 27 SNAKES ALIVE - Herpetologist Scott Ballard will introduce you to some of the myths and mysteries associated with reptiles. Live snakes are featured in this program sponsored by the Benton Kiwanis Club Foundation.

June 3 REND LAKE BEACH BLAST Join park rangers at South Sandusky Beach between noon and 4pm for a fun filled afternoon of water safety adventure.

June 10 WAL-MART ALL AMERICAN KIDS' FISHING DERBY The Rend Lake Staff and the U of I Extension Service invites children under 16 years of age to compete for prizes and show off their angling skills. Registration is at the Rend Lake Visitor Center from 8am to 9am. Participants will be able to fish their favorite locations at Rend Lake; then return to the Visitor Center for weigh-in from noon until 2pm.

June 17 MUSHROOMING IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Explore the edible treats beneath your feet with author and conservationist Joe McFarland. Rediscover the lost art of mushrooming in southern Illinois.

June 24 WINGS, STINGS, AND LEGGY THINGS They fly, they crawl, they creep and they hop. Enter the alien world of the insect at the Rend Lake Visitor Center.

July 1 COLONIAL GAME DAY Step back in history to a simpler time and experience the fun that our ancestors made famous. 11:00AM - 2:00 PM

July 2 Fireworks at Rend Lake There's no better place to celebrate our country's independence than along the shoreline of Rend Lake. Fireworks begin approximately 9:15 p.m. at the Rend Lake Visitor Center.

July 8 GEORGE DROUILLARD A living history re-enactment of George Drouillard, sign talker of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery is featured at the Rend Lake Visitor Center.

July 15 A SPLASH OF COLOR Butterflies are the subject of this fascinating program. Participants will be able to collect and identify butterflies common to the Rend Lake area.

July 22 NATURE CRAFT DAY - The Rend Lake staff will assist you with a nature craft you can take home and display. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

July 29 HUNTER SAFETY CLASS -The state certified course will be held on July 29 & 30 from 9am. until 3pm. at the Rend Lake Visitor Center. Upon completion of the course, participants will be eligible to purchase their first hunting license. Pre-registration is required by calling (618)724-2493.

August 5 SHOREBIRD SAFARI - Grab your binoculars and viewing scope for a fabulous day of bird watching with Keith McMullen. Participants should meet at 7am. at the Rend Lake College east parking lot.

August 12 WOOD SCULPTING - See how a block of wood comes to life under the skillful hands of bird carver Mack Wynn.

August 19 SNAKES OF ILLINOIS Meet Stubby, Jr., Boscoe, and the whole gang. Improve your skills at snake handling. Caution: This program is not for the "faint of heart".

August 26 WOODWORKING FOR WILDLIFE Wildlife needs our help. See how you can turn your backyard into a haven for wildlife with these fun and easy projects. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sept. 30 REND LAKE CLEANUP/NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY Lend a hand for public land. Put litter in it's place from 9am until 1pm.

All programs are conducted at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at the Rend Lake Visitor Center unless stated differently in the above program description. The Rend Lake Visitor Center is located on the east side of the Rend Lake Dam. For additional information call the Rend Lake Visitor Center at (618) 439-7430, or the Rend Lake Project Office at (618)724-2493, or visit our website at www.usace.army.mil/rend.



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